

Predestination: Who Chose Who?

Selected Scripture
"Hot Potato Issues", Part 7
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I) IN A REAL SENSE, WE CHOOSE TO BELIEVE IN GOD FOR SALVATION

1) John 3:16

2) 1Timothy 2:4, 4:10

3) 2 Peter 3:9

II) IN ANOTHER REAL SENSE, GOD CHOSE US TO BELIEVE FOR SALVATION

1) John 13:18, 15:6

2) Acts 22:14

3) Ephesians 1:4-5, 1:11

4) Colossians 3:12

5) 1Thessalonians 1:4

6) 2Thessalonians 2:13-14

7) 1Peter 1:2, 2:9

III) THE TENSION OF PREDESTINATION: WHO ULTIMATELY CHOSE WHO?

***While people chose God (free will), it is ultimately a ___RESPONSE TO GOD CHOOSING US FIRST___. (John 6:44)**

***Key terms:** "Predestination": God not only knows the future but in certain ways ___PRE-ARRANGES IT___. (Romans 8:29)

"Election": God makes the gospel available to all, but only ___CHOOSES SOME___ for salvation.

IV) THE CLASSIC PASSAGE: PAUL'S EXPLANATION IN ROMANS 9

***Being honest: Our wish for all people to believe.** (Romans 9:1-5)

***Being shocked: God's plan for only some people to believe.** (Romans 9:6-13)

***Being puzzled: Answering objections to God's election.** (Romans 9:14-33)

Puzzle #1) Is God unjust? No, because God is ___PERFECTLY SOVEREIGN___. (v. 14-18)

Puzzle #2) Is God unfair? No, because God is ___THE MASTER POTTER___. (v. 19-29)

Puzzle #3) Are people responsible? Yes, because people follow their ___OWN NATURE___. (v. 30-33)

V) THREE POSSIBLE RESPONSES TO GOD'S PLAN IN ELECTION (application)

1) We can ___REJECT___ election and say God isn't fair!

2) We can ___PERVERT___ election and pretend we're God's puppets!

3) We can ___ACCEPT___ election as gracious and perfect and be thankful that God chooses anyone!